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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
**Christensen, et al.**

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Examiner: **Michael L. Borin**

For: **Admixture Comprising a Target Molecule and a Nucleic Acid Mimic  
Comprising Sterically Bulky Substituents**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

In response to the Official Action dated **October 20, 2008**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page            of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page            of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page            of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.